August 6, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans of ABA-Approved Law Schools
University Presidents
Chief Justices of State Supreme Courts
Bar Admission Authorities
Licensing Agency for the State of Indiana:
  Commission for Higher Education
Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of
  Colleges
U. S. Department of Education
Deans of Unapproved Law Schools
Leaders of Organizations Interested in Legal Education
Student Bar Association Presidents
ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar –
  Website Posting

FROM: Barry A. Currier, Managing Director of Accreditation and Legal
  Education

SUBJECT: Indiana Tech Law School

In a public memorandum issued by the Office of the Managing Director of
Accreditation and Legal Education, dated June 9, 2015, notification was provided,
in accordance with Internal Operating Practice 4 of the ABA Section of Legal
Education and Admissions to the Bar, that the Council of the Section determined
not to grant provisional ABA approval to the Indiana Tech Law School, located in
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The Indiana Tech Law School was notified in writing of the Council’s
decision not to grant provisional approval on June 9, 2015. The School did not
file a written appeal of the Council’s June 2015 decision, as provided for in Rule
36 of the ABA Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools. In accordance
with Rule 27(a)(1), the Indiana Tech Law School has notified the Managing
Director’s Office of its intention to re-apply for provisional ABA approval in the
fall of 2015.
This public memorandum is being issued within 60 days of the date the School was notified of the Council’s decision, as required by the Section’s Internal Operating Practice 4(d). The Council’s June 2015 decision not to grant provisional ABA approval to the Indiana Tech Law School was a result of the Council’s conclusions, pursuant to Standard 102(a) of the ABA Standards for Approval of Law Schools, that the School had not at that time established substantial compliance with the Standards and had not presented a reliable plan for bringing the Law School into full compliance with the Standards within three years after receiving provisional approval with the following Standards:

**Standard 301(a):** A law school shall maintain a rigorous program of legal education that prepares its students, upon graduation, for admission to the bar and for effective, ethical, and responsible participation as members of the legal profession.

**Standard 309(b):** A law school shall provide academic support designed to afford students a reasonable opportunity to complete the program of legal education, graduate, and become members of the legal profession.

**Standard 501(a) and (b):**
(a) A law school shall maintain sound admission policies and practices consistent with the Standards, its mission, and the objectives of its program of legal education.
(b) A law school shall not admit an applicant who does not appear capable of satisfactorily completing its program of legal education and being admitted to the bar.

**Standard 508:** A law school shall provide all its students, regardless of enrollment or scheduling option, with basic student services, including maintenance of accurate student records, academic advising and counseling, financial aid and debt counseling, and career counseling to assist students in making sound career choices and obtaining employment. If a law school does not provide these student services directly, it shall demonstrate that its students have reasonable access to such services from the university of which it is a part or from other sources.

In accordance with Internal Operating Practice 4(d), the School was invited, at the time of transmittal of the Council’s June 2015 decision, to submit written comments in response to the decision. The School declined to submit any official written comments. Evidence, as required by Internal Operating Practice 4(d), that the School was offered but declined to provide written comments is attached.

Attachment
cc: Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar
    Accreditation Committee
    Dean Charles P. Cercone
Hi Bill,

Thank you for making the extra effort to assemble our team. Much appreciated.

Indiana Tech does not intend to submit any comments.

Thanks for your note.

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